

Hailey Administrative Site, Storeroom
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1304)
Sawtooth National Forest
309 South Main
Hailey
Blaine County
Idaho

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Constructed in calendar year 1933.
2. **Architect:** George L. Nichols.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1933-1992; Mike and Joan O'Neil, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** Sources of funding for the original construction (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follows:

<u>Costs</u>	<u>F.Y. 1934</u>	<u>F.Y. 1935</u>	<u>F.Y. 1936</u>
FS Funds	\$1,470.41	\$113.58	
ECF	446.25		
CC Labor	\$15.00		
Total	\$1,931.66	\$113.58	

5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-33 (Storeroom), extended 8 feet in length.

6. **Alterations and additions:** A full basement was excavated beneath the structure in the fall and winter of 1935-1936 (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b). The westernmost of four windows in the south wall of the main floor was removed, and a doorway added to provide direct access the basement stairs from outside the building. A heating system and chimney also was added. Remodeling on the inside included walling off the stairs and a storage area at the west end of the building and constructing sliding plywood partitions to close off the northeast corner of the building. The date of these modifications is not known. The original shiplap finish of walls and ceiling on the main floor has been replaced with wallboard, possibly following a 1965 fire. Nine of the original 6-pane windows have been replaced by single-pane windows.

- B. **Historical Context:** The original function of this building was storage. Subsequently it became the shop for making and repairing signs for the entire forest. The basement stored the paint.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: The structure is a modification of a standard plan, but its character is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.

2. Condition of fabric: Structurally sound. Needs paint.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 20' x 48'.

2. Foundations: Continuous, concrete, with a full basement.

3. Walls. Novelty siding, painted white with Nile green trim.

4. Structural System, framing: 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame.

5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: None.

6. Chimneys: Cement block, tile-lined flue.

7. Openings

a. Doorways and doors: Three doors, all in the south wall. Two are solid 5-panel doors. One is a double door of solid, single-panel construction. The westernmost door was not present in the original building, but since this door accesses the basement stairs it probably was added when the basement was excavated in 1935-36.

b. Windows and shutters: At present there are 15 windows. All originally were fixed, 6-pane type, but the three windows in the south wall now are single-pane, as are the middle four of the six windows in the north wall and the two windows in the east wall. The two end windows (i.e. the easternmost and the westernmost) in the north wall are 6-pane type, as are the two on the main floor and two on the basement level of the west wall. All window frames and muntins are painted Nile green with white trim boards around the window openings. An old photograph shows that originally there was another 6-pane window near the western end of the south wall, but it was removed and a door installed, probably when the basement was excavated in 1935-36.

8. Roof

- a. **Shape, covering:** Gabled with 2" x 4" rafters and 1" x 6" sheathing. Ridgeline runs in an east-west direction. Manufactured shake shingles are painted bronze green.
- b. **Cornices, eaves:** Cornices are open, with dripping eaves
- c. **Dormers, cupolas, towers:** None.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans

- a. **Basement:** Single room design of 969 square feet. Cabinets and shelves are built-in along the north wall. Shelves also have been built along the south wall, and built down the center of the floor at the east end.
- b. **First floor:** Originally a single room design of 969 square feet, with cabinets and shelves built-in along interior walls. At present the west end of the building is walled off from the rest, with the stairs in the southwest and a storage room in the northwest. In the northeast corner of the main room are sliding plywood panels which can be positioned to temporarily wall off an area approximately 10 x 12 feet.
- c. **Second floor:** None.

2. **Stairways:** Wood, running along west wall of basement from the doorway at the west end of the south wall.

3. **Flooring:** Basement—concrete, unpainted. Main floor—unpainted hardwood, with boards running north-south.

4. **Wall and ceiling finish:** The basement walls are concrete. The basement ceiling is unfinished and unpainted. Originally the main floor was ceiled with 1" x 8" shiplap, but at present both are finished in wallboard, painted white. This change may have occurred following damage by a fire in 1965. "This building fire resulted from ignition of oily waste rags [which had been left] in trash containers for about four hours.... These rags were used to wipe a mixture of linseed oil, paraffin, paint thinner, and stearate sign stain" (Anderson 1965).

5. Openings

- a. **Doorways and doors:** Originally there were no interior doors. At present there is a single-panel door into the

storage room at the northwest corner of the building and a five-panel door between the main room and the top of the basement stairs at the southwest corner of the building.

b. **Windows:** None.

6. **Decorative features and trim:** Trim is in plain 1" x 4'.

7. **Hardware:** Brass door knobs, backing plates, hinges.

8. **Mechanical equipment:**

a. **Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** Heating formerly was provided by a wood stove. At present there is a gas, forced-air furnace in the basement supplying heat to the main floor via ducts and floor vents. There is no air conditioning.

b. **Lighting:** This structure was originally wired for electric lights, with power provided by the West Coast Power Company of Hailey. The present lighting is fluorescent.

c. **Plumbing:** There is no plumbing.

D. Site

1. **General setting and orientation:** This structure is along the northern boundary of the lot, just behind (west of) the office building.

2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Sawtooth National Forest and of the Hailey Administrative Site," above.

3. **Outbuildings:** There are four other structures on this property. Each is documented on a separate form.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings: Location of original architectural drawings is not known. Attached is a copy of Standard Plan R4-33 (Storeroom), reproduced from Anonymous 1935. Building #1304 was built from a modified version of this plan.

B. Early Views: One photo of the building under construction and several views taken shortly after completion (but before excavation of the basement) are in Anonymous n.d.a.

C. Interviews: None.

D. Bibliography

1. Primary and unpublished sources

- Anderson, Richard B.
1965 [December 22, 1965 "Report of Fire Losses" at Hailey Administrative Site sign shop].
- Anonymous
1935 *Building Construction Manual*, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.
- 1941 *Sawtooth Historical Information*. Unpublished typescript on file at Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office, Twin Falls, Idaho
- n.d.a "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].
- n.d.b "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Hailey building descriptions to 1939].
- Nichols, George L.
1946 *Building Construction Handbook*. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region.

2. Secondary and published sources: None.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, May 31, 1989. Drawings made by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of Documentation

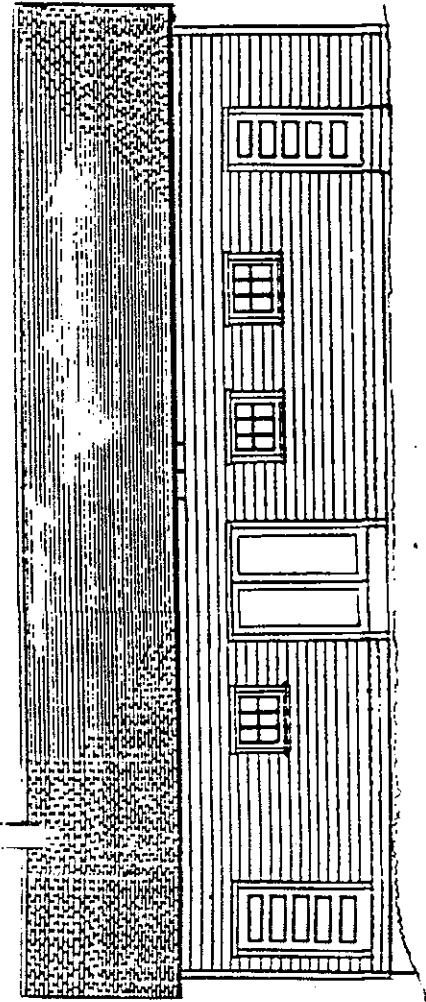
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B. Report Preparation

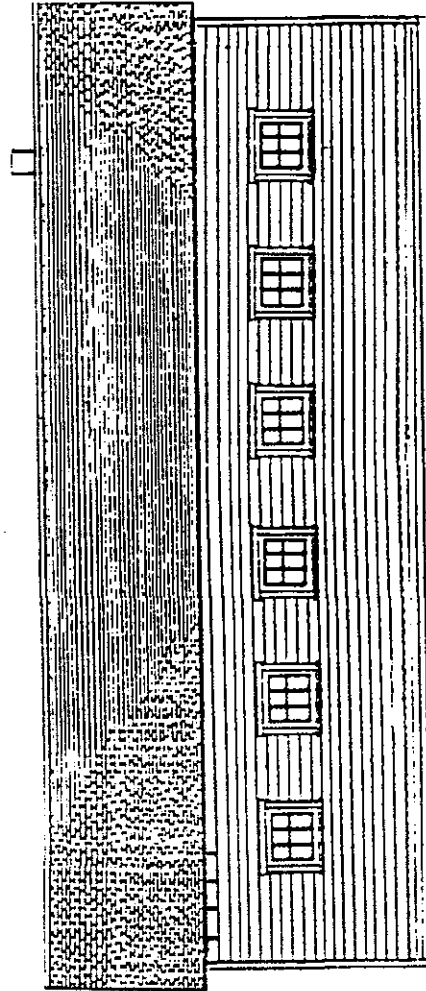
1. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September - October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.

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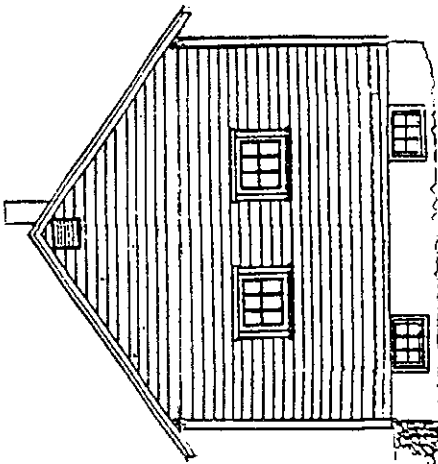
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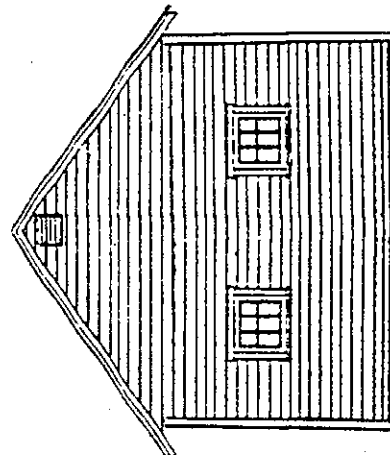
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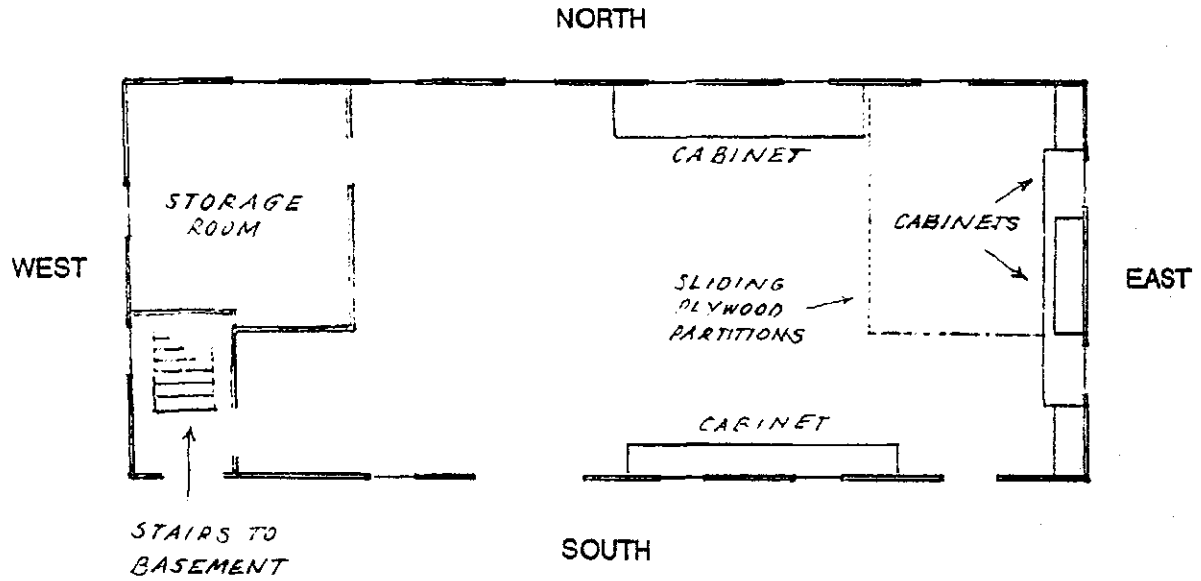


WEST WALL



EAST WALL

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MAIN FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

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